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PAPER NUMBER

2632

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Interview Summary

Application No.

09/558,386

Applicant(s)

MATTSON ET AL.

Examiner

Davetta W. Goins

Art Unit

2632

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Davetta W. Goins.

(3) _____.

(2) Joel W. Benson.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 27 September 2001.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 16.

Identification of prior art discussed: Federspiel (US Pat. 5,464,369).


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner is awaiting the amended claims from the applicant.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


EDWARD LEEKOWITZ
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

6-7-01

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant points out that the prior art of record does not specifically disclose the "opening" of an enclosure to "outside air" after the detection of carbon dioxide.

The applicant has been notified of reference Miller et al. (US Pat. 6,130,614) which was not considered as prior art because of the filing date, but because of the subject matter being the same, there's a possibility of an interference that may be initiated by the examiner.

The examiner will talk to the applicant's attorney after having consulted specific information on the interference with a supervisor.

6-20-01

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: After meeting with Special Program Examiner Krista Zele, the applicant has been made aware of the deadline for filing an interference (w/respect to 135 (b) of M.P.E.P.).

The proposed amendment for claims 16 and 22 have not placed the application in a conditions for allowance

The applicant plans to amend the claims rejected in the application to further define the "enclosure" and "compartment" as being a trunk of a vehicle.

The applicant is aware that based on the claims as they stand, the examiner may provoke an interference w/respect to rule 2306 (01) M.P.E.P..